THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

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WRIT PETITION NO : 19421 of 2005

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Dated:06.09.2005

Between:

M. Ramesh Babu, S/o. Ramulu,
H.No. 20-1-35, Bellampally, Adilabad District-504 293.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Election Officer (Municipalities), Adilabad District, and

others.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

The petitioner is resident of Ward No.21 of Bellampally Municipality in Adilabad District. The respondents, after following the necessary procedure, reserved Ward No.21 for Scheduled Caste (General) category. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed the present writ petition seeking a direction to respondent Nos.1 and 2 to consider reserving Ward No.21 for Backward Caste or open category. It is the main contention of the petitioner that the percentage of the Scheduled Caste population in Ward No.21 would not qualify it for being reserved for Scheduled Caste (General). This Court therefore, directed the learned Standing Counsel for Municipality to produce the record.

The record is produced before this Court by the learned Standing Counsel. After perusing the said record, this Court is satisfied that Ward No.21 of Bellampally Municipality has Scheduled Caste population of 762 (out of total population 1803), and therefore, eminently qualifies for being reserved for Scheduled Caste (General) in accordance with Rule 8 of the A.P.Municipalities (Reservation of Seats in Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats) Rules, 1995.

The writ petition is misconceived and is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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(V.V.S.RAO, J)

06.09.2005

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